

Conservation/UWEX Education Committee
December 9, 2013
Minutes

Committee members present: Chair Tom Rudolph, Greg Berard, Jim Intrepidi, Bob Martini and Bob Mott. Absent: Clint Zimbeck.

Others present: David Hintz (Administration Committee Chair), Billy Fried (Solid Waste/Buildings & Grounds Committee Chair), Jim Tharman (APHIS), Michael Stinebrink (USDA), Lisa Charbarneau (Employee Services Manager), Luann Brunette (Buildings & Grounds), Mike Boyd (Boyd Financial Services), Erica Brewster, Michele Sadauskas, Jean Hansen, Lynn Feldman, Tim Brown, Kari Lazars, Jonathan Anderson (media) and Kerri Ison.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rudolph at 1:30 p.m. noting the meeting has been properly posted and the facility is handicap accessible.

Roundtable introductions were held.

Approve agenda: Motion by Intrepidi/Mott to approve the today's agenda as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve minutes: Motion by Martini/Intrepidi to approve minutes of 11/11/13 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Dates of future meetings:

1/13/14 1:30 p.m. Extension meeting room

Office space – Buildings and Grounds resolution: Discussion was held regarding whether the office space resolution being put forth by the Solid Waste/Buildings & Grounds Committee (SW/BG). Discussion was also held regarding a potential buyer for the WPS facility and the possibility of leasing space in that building for UWEX and LWCD.

Conservation/UWEX office space resolution: Discussion followed regarding the proposed Conservation/UWEX office space resolution asking for additional time to investigate the new proposal. Motion by Martini/Berard to forward the office space resolution as edited to County Board. All ayes; motion carried.

NACD membership dues: Hansen noted in the past NACD membership dues were paid in the amount of \$775. She also discussed other options. Motion by Berard/Intrepidi to approve \$775 for NACD membership dues. All ayes; motion carried.

Consent agenda items:

Motion by Intrepidi/Martini to approve the consent agenda items as amended. All ayes; motion carried.

Wildlife Damage program: Tharman was present to discuss the Wildlife Damage program cooperative service agreement and plan of administration. Motion by Martini/Intrepidi to approve the WDP cooperative service agreement and plan of administration. All ayes; motion carried.

NRCS Operation agreement: Stinebrink presented the NRCS operational agreement for approval which was provided at an earlier meeting. Discussion followed. Motion by Martini/Intrepidi to

approve the NRCS operational agreement as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Monthly staff report: Sadauskas showed Committee members how to access the UW Extension Lakes website (www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexplakes/cbcw) where all the clean boats clean waters data is entered and how the data can be viewed. Discussion followed. Other online resources such as SWIMS, the AIS blog site (oneidacountyais.com) and Facebook site were highlighted as well. Rudolph would like to see a similar presentation made at County Board in the future.

Oneida County Fair update: Feldman attended meeting; nothing to report.

Discuss long-term relationship/agreement with City of Rhinelander re: Oneida County Fair: Brewster updated the Committee regarding the Facility Advisory meeting held recently regarding the future of Oneida County Fair at Pioneer Park.

Brewster noted Berard's work schedule has changed and he is unable to attend the Fair Planning Team meetings. Intrepidid volunteered to be the alternate liaison if needed.

Brewster updated the Committee on options for filling the Fair Coordinator position and details of a possible contract for same. She has worked with Desmond regarding the contracts noting the professional liability insurance requirement has been waived by the Administration Committee. Discussion followed. Motion by Martini/Intrepidid directing staff to proceed with development of contracts for Fair Coordinator positions and bring back to Committee for approval. All ayes; motion carried.

WNEP program changes/updates: Lazars reported she has resigned as the WNEP Program Coordinator for Langlade/Oneida Counties and has taken the Family Living position in Langlade County effective 12/1/13. The position will be posted in late January with final interviews expected in late March. Lazars has developed a transition plan for the nutrition educators noting and state employees will also assist. Committee members wished Lazars well in her new role and noted their appreciation of her efforts in Oneida County. Lazars voiced her appreciation working with this committee and their willingness to learn about the program.

Project Proposal to Lumberjack RC&D – Buffer Zone Demonstration Site for Pelican Lake: Mott reported a lake management study was done for Pelican Lake in 2011. Findings show a high density population on the shores of Pelican Lake which is a threat to the lake due to impervious surface and fertilizer. Vegetative buffers help to reduce these threats. The Property Association would like to have a buffer zone demonstration site next to the Schoepke Town Hall on Highway 45 if approved by the Town. Mott discussed the project in detail and has been working with Hansen on design. Motion by Intrepidid/Martini to forward project to Lumberjack RC&D for consideration. All ayes; motion carried.

Lumberjack RC&D funding for LWC LTE position: Hansen reported the department was not awarded the DNR grant for the proposed lake specialist position as funds were awarded on a first-come first-served basis. Hansen would like to apply for funding for a 500 hour LTE to complete some of the projects in the LWRM plan (database for hobby farms/small time producers, sensitive areas/emergent vegetation outreach and identification, develop cost-share brochure and department brochure). Discussion followed. Motion by Mott/Intrepidid to approve moving the LTE grant proposal forward to Lumberjack RC&D for consideration. All ayes; motion carried.

Agency reports:

Lake Districts: Intrepidid noted Nokomis will meet next week. Rudolph noted Horsehead Lake is

working with the DNR to use some of their property to provide access for the weed harvester.

LWCB: Rudolph noted the Board met via teleconference last week and discussed DATCP recommendations for staffing funding formula (in order to receive 100% funding for the first position the employee must devote 100% of time on conservation efforts). Comment period ends 12/14/13. Rudolph noted that with the change of the annual conference now being held in March those elected will not take office until February of the following year.

WLWCA: Rudolph reported a Board meeting was held last week in Appleton. The annual budget was finalized and received training grants for new supervisors and staff. He noted Sadauskas has volunteered to work on the Youth Education Committee along with 12 other new volunteers.

RC&D: Rudolph reported the next meeting is scheduled for 1/16/14 in Vilas County.

Soil map continuing appropriation account: At the last meeting, discussion was held regarding spending these funds by year end. Ison spoke with the Finance Director and the balance of this account will be carried forward into 2014 and decisions on purchasing can be made in the spring.

Approve long range plans: Hansen reviewed the LWC long range plan, using the LWRM as a template. Motion by Intrepid/Mott to approve the LWC long range plan as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Brewster provided the UWEX long range plan for review. Martini suggested adding link to LWC programming under Quality of Life throughout all timeframes to show the collaboration of departments. Motion by Martini/Intrepid to approve the UWEX long range plan as amended. All ayes; motion carried.

County cost share program update: Hansen provided draft of nonrefundable down payment fee schedule. She spoke with the Finance Director, noting there may be issues regarding the need to provide a 1099 for tax purposes. Hansen will continue to work on the schedule and bring back at a future meeting.

AIS Annual report: Statistics were discussed on the staff report. A final report will be provided at a future meeting.

Public comment/communications: None.

Items to include on next agenda: Office space update, fair update.

Adjournment: Motion by Mott/Intrepid to adjourn at 4:51 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

Thomas D. Rudolph, Chair